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Friends,

In October, I introduced a motion asking the City Attorney to include wage enforcement language when crafting a citywide minimum wage ordinance. I believe that as long as wage theft exists, there is no such thing as a minimum wage.

Today, a third of Angelenos do not make the current minimum wage of \$9 an hour, and 80% of Angelenos are working through their rest breaks. Wage theft also has real consequences for the Los Angeles economy. Los Angeles workers lose \$26.2 million dollars every week to wage theft.

Furthermore, a report by the UCLA Labor Center cites that on average, victims of wage theft lose \$2,070.00 annually from total earnings of \$16,536.00. According to the report, an estimated 655,000 low wage workers in Los Angeles County experience at least one pay-based violation with the majority of the violations taking place in the City of Los Angeles.

This is why I firmly believe that we need wage theft enforcement in our City to protect our most vulnerable workers. I am committed to seeing that we will have an ordinance on the books that addresses wage theft with proper enforcement measures.

It's time for us to take action.

Sincerely,

- Gil

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Wage Theft Committee Hearing

On Tuesday, December 9, the City's Economic Development Committee took up Councilmember Cedillo's Wage Theft Motion for discussion at City Hall. Advocates from the Los Angeles Coalition Against Wage Theft held a march and rally in support of the motion.

At the hearing, Councilmember Cedillo requested the City Attorney to review and report back on potential options for a City ordinance to revoke City permits for any employer found liable or convicted of wage theft under state law. Revocation of permits could prohibit employers from continuing to do business in the City of Los Angeles. The report is expected to come back in 30 days.

GMO Committee Hearing

On Monday, the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee addressed the approval of a new ordinance to prohibit the growth of genetically modify organisms (GMOs) within the City of Los Angeles limits. The draft of the ordinance was written to avoid regulations that may be imposed by AB 2470 that will take effect on January 1, 2015.

Councilmember Cedillo inquired with the California Governor's Office and the Department of Food and Agriculture and received information and clarification that timeline urgency regarding AB 2470 was in fact incorrect and they the City of Los Angeles may create ordinance regarding GMO.

The Committee expressed different concerns with the draft of the ordinance including the lack of participation of academic and research institutions to provide a better background and understanding of a potential implementation of a ban on GMOs throughout the city of Los Angeles, the enforcement of the ordinance, the cost of the implementation and the jurisdiction of the City related to the regulations included in the ordinance.

Councilmember Cedillo supports the motion, but also agreed with his colleague Councilmember Buscaino that additional research was needed to create a fully thought out, and comprehensive ordinance.

Photo Credit: AFP Photo / Eitan Abramovich

Mayor Garcetti Resilience by Design

On Monday, Councilmember Cedillo attended a press conference with Mayor Eric Garcetti where he unveil a report called, Resilience by Design, which addresses recommendations that the City should do in order to be prepared for a major earthquake.

The plan recommends significant investments in fortifying our city's water supply, including developing an alternative water system for firefighting, protecting our aqueducts that cross the San Andreas Fault, increasing local water sources, and developing a network of resilient pipes.

The plan also calls for upgrades to our city's telecommunications network to enable Internet and mobile connectivity after an earthquake, including creating partnerships with providers for shared broadband services after disasters, protecting power systems at fault crossings, creating a solar-powered citywide Wi-Fi network to avoid power disruptions, and fortifying cell phone towers.

As Chairman of the Housing Committee, Councilmember Cedillo looks forward to working with the Mayor in developing policies to address the issue.

Principal Choi Retirement

Mr. Cheuk Choi is retiring as Principal Castelar Elementary School from the Los Angeles Unified School District on December 19, 2014 and has been a cornerstone of leadership in the Chinatown community for decades.

Principal Choi has been an extraordinary community partner, having worked closely with our offices on several critical projects that increase the quality of life for our residents. He was instrumental in assisting us with our Ord and Yale project to create a park greenspace in a much needed area. In addition, he was a great advocate for our application to obtain ATP grants that increased street safety in front of the school.

Cheuk Choi has been with the Los Angeles Unified School District for 37 years with 32 years at Castelar School. Team Cedillo wishes him the very best in his retirement.

Art Development Fee

This week, the City Council addressed a report from the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Department of Cultural Affairs relative to expenditure plans, administrative guidelines, and disbursements in connection with the Arts Development Fee.

The Arts Development Fee is a program that requires that 1% of the construction valuation for new municipal and private commercial developments be set aside for the creation of art within the public realm. The revisions to the Arts Development Fee Trust Fund will have as a result the opportunity to expand and support a greater variety of arts and cultural activities in District 1 and throughout the City of Los Angeles.

FIELD UPDATE

Winter Wonderland

The first ever Winter Wonderland at MacArthur Park took place this past Thursday, December 11th. The event was a wonderful collaboration between Team Cedillo and event sponsors Recreation and Parks, AEG Worldwide, Altamed Health Services, CHM2 Hill, La Curacao, L.A. Baking Co., The Gas Company, The Home Depot, International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 12, Laborer's International Union, Local 300, Mega Toys, Republic Services, Rolling Deep for Charities, Self-Realization Fellowship, Shelter Partnership, Union Bank, University of Southern California, Central City Neighborhood Partners, El Centro del Pueblo and Commerce Casino.

Over 300 students from Sycamore Grove's Latona Elementary School, Glassell Park Elementary School, Highland Park's Monte Vista Elementary School, Westlake MacArthur Park and Charles White Elementary School participated in this wonderful day at the park. All the were treated to a Santa's village complete with a snow and slide station, cookie decoration, arts and crafts and the Bob Baker Marionette Christmas show.

The event ended with Santa being chauffeured to the by LAFD's Station 11. During lunch students were brought to meet Santa who greeted them with a present and candy cane. The day was filled with joy, laughter and wonderful memories were created. Thank you everyone that made the event possible. A very special thanks to Healthright 360, CCNP's volunteers and El Centro's DJ. Team Cedillo was honored to bring joy on this special day to so many children of the First District.

Marmion Way Street Safety Workshops

On Monday, December 8th at the Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center, Team Cedillo held a community workshop to receive input and feedback for the Metro's 2015 Call for Projects to discuss Street Safety on the Marmion Way corridor from Stanley Avenue to Mt. Washington Drive.

Most residents were concerned about speeding, pedestrian safety, bike lanes, street lighting and illegal dumping on Marmion Way. The workshops divided the residents in small groups in order to receive specific concerns for each intersection, the Gold Line and the Marmion Way Corridor. Though the groups of Mt. Washington residents were small, Carol Jacques, president of the Mt. Washington Association, Clare Kenyon, president-elect, Mt. Washington Homeowners Improvement Association, Valerie Harrigan, president of the Arroyo Seco Foundation, Ann Walnum, Founder of the Friends of the Southwest Museum and Charlie Fisher, boardmember of the Highland Park Historic Preservation Association attended representing their respective groups.

Most importantly, the information received will be used as a useful guide for future planning and funding request to meet the needs of the community for public safety improvements.

Special Olympics Chooses Lincoln Heights Host Community

This past Monday, we attended a press event at El ARCA announcing that Lincoln Heights has been officially selected to participate in the Special Olympics World Games Host Town program from July 21 – 24, 2015. We were joined by John Menchaca, EL ARCA, Mario Maruffo, VP of the Lincoln Heights Chamber, and representatives from the Special Olympics as we presented a proclamation and Keys to the City to the LA2015 Special Olympics games official. The Special Olympics World Games begin on July 25, 2015, more than 7,000 athletes from 177 countries will be welcomed to Southern California through the Host Town program. As many as 100 communities from San Luis Obispo to San Diego will have the honor of being selected as an official Host Town.

We are excited to have the Special Olympics World Games being hosted here in Lincoln Heights in the First District of the City of Los Angeles. What an honor to have been chosen so we may showcase our wonderful diverse community that is accessible to so many historic and cultural landmarks here in Northeast Los Angeles for the World Games participants.

7th Annual Glassell Park Tree Lighting Ceremony

This past Sunday, we had the honor of joining the Glassell Park Improvement Association and Glassell Park Neighborhood Council in sponsoring the 7th Annual Glassell Park Tree Lighting Ceremony on Eagle Rock Blvd., in Glassell Park.

This year, new lights were hung on a beautifully decorated 50 foot tree. Over 150 residents attended and enjoyed hot chocolate with cookies. We enjoyed musical and singing performances by Genesse Hall, Glassell Park Elementary – Harmony Project, and Genesse Hall Saint Bernard School – Choir.

The tree lit the path for a special visit by Santa Clause chauffeured by LAFD Station 50. Team Cedillo congratulates Glassell Park Improvement Association and GPNC on a wonderful event. We also wish to thank our event sponsors, Elliot Megdal and Associates, Jakes Barber Shop, State Farm, and Super A Foods for making this community holiday celebration possible.

NELA Holiday Parade

This last Sunday, We were proud to participate in the 70th Annual Northeast Holiday Parade. Thousands came out to enjoy the festivities, which had many local entries, Team Cedillo was able to sponsor and assist with getting the parade filmed and televised on the City Channel 35. Kids of all ages filled the streets to greet their local leaders and friends and family who participated in the parade. We would like to give a very special thank you to the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce for their continued dedication to bringing this joyous event to the First District.

Mexican Consulate's Copa IME Becas

This past Saturday, I had the opportunity to join the Mexican Consulate of Los Angeles at their First Annual Copa IME Becas, an event that highlights the scholarship program sponsored by the Mexican Government, LA River Tournament at El Rio de Los Angeles Park and Sotomayor Learning Academies in Cypress Park. The event had a soccer, baseball, and basketball tournament, lucha libre exhibition, and 40 resource booths. Over 1,500 people attended. During the event I had a chance to speak on the progress we've made with the implementation of AB60 and the President's Executive Actions on Immigration. We presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Consul General Carlos Sada commemorating the event. I want to thank LAUSD and City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for their support to ensure the event was a success.

Councilmember Cedillo Drops by Plaza De La Raza Art Sale

On Saturday, we attended Frank and Sharon Romero's 32nd Annual Romero Studio Holiday Art Show & Sale at Plaza de la Raza in the Boathouse Gallery to support arts in the First District. Maria Jimenez-Torres, Executive Director, Plaza de la Raza was able to show and highlight Frank Romero's mural sponsored by Red Bull at Plaza de la Raza.

Some of the featured artists included Frank and Sharon Romero, Bonnie Lambert, and George Labrada. Photographer Oscar Castillo also sold prints and books as Councilmember Cedillo enjoyed buying holiday gifts by supporting local business. One of his main priorities is supporting arts and culture throughout Council District 1 such as Plaza de la Raza, which has been a center for arts and education since 1970.

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Cruver: Outstanding Teacher, Community Activist, Devoted Wife and Mother. 1925-2014
Councilmember Cedillo and staff would like to honor the memory of Elizabeth Cruver who passed away on November 27, 2014. She and her husband, Bishop William Cruver moved to Los Angeles in 1953 to serve the ministry of the Pilar of Fire Church in Sycamore Grove and have served the community for over 50 years. Betty also served as a classroom instructor and principal at the school. They were married for over 64 years and together extended their partnership and civic duty in the Northeast

Community in many community projects, especially Peace in the Northeast. Bill and Betty raised a family of three; Ruth Crawford, Ray Cruver and Denise Simpson, she is also survived by several grandchildren; Emily, Matthew, Jamie, Victoria and Noelle. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and the many extended friends she nurtured in Los Angeles.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I want to wish my good friend, Felipe Plascencia, a very happy birthday. - Gil

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

33rd Annual Miracle on 1st Street

Avenue 50 Studio, 10th Annual Holiday Party & Sale

Please join Avenue 50 Studio for our 10th Annual Holiday Party & Sale and the opening reception for Stairway to Heaven Thoughts on the Story of the Virgen de Guadalupe & 8x8 Squares Annual End-of-Year Art Auction

Saturday, December 13 2014 7-10pm
Please visit www.avenue50studio.org for more information

The Avenue 50 Studio is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization, and sponsored in part by the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, and the California Community Foundation.

If you would like to be added to our newsletter or for article submission or calendar events please submit to Louis.reyes@lacity.org every Wednesday by 1:00 pm deadline to be published in the upcoming Friday

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There are a few spots left in our SCRAPs TO SCRIBES WRITING WORKSHOP!!!

by Jen Hitchcock on November 26, 2014 in Workshops

SCRAPs TO SCRIBES WRITING WORKSHOP

SESSION FOUR

Tuesday Evenings January 6th – February 24th , 2015

7:30pm-9:30

Group reading at Book Show Friday March 6th at 7:30pm

Workshop is held at Book Show in Highland Park at 5503 N. Figueroa St, LA 90042

Lead by Jen Hitchcock

\$100 (includes 5 copies of group zine at the end)

LIMITED TO TEN PEOPLE PER SESSION. SIGN UP BY CLICKING the button below:

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Scraps to Scribes is an eight week writing workshop that provides a supportive atmosphere and a guided framework for helping participants to finish a short piece of writing by the end of the session.

At the beginning of the session, the group will be given a small list of writing prompts from which they will choose one to use as a means to write their piece. Every person will have two time slots in which to get group feedback. Each session of Scraps To Scribes will culminate in a public reading at Book Show, and a fanzine compiling the group's work. Book Show will publish and distribute the fanzine. Five copies will be provided to each group member.

Here is what Scraps To Scribes offers:

A supportive group of fellow writers.

An experienced group facilitator who will also sweat through it all alongside of you!!!!

Two critique slots per session to receive feedback on your piece from the group.

Snacks! Beverages! Every meeting!

A group reading at the end of the session held at Book Show where we invite the public to listen to us read all our hard work!

A fanzine edited and published by Book Show compiling our finished work from session four. You get five gratis copies for your friends and family.

We are in Highland Park

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